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CHAPMAN ANNOUNCES HUNTING LICENSE FEE TOTALS

Hunting license sales for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949, rang up new record-breaking totals both in the number sold and in revenue received, Secretary of the Interior Oscar L. Chapman announced today.

During the various 1948-49 shooting seasons, Albert M. Day, director of the Fish and Wildlife Service reported to Secretary Chapman hunters paid \$34,966,687 for an all-time record total of 12,758,698 licenses. Compared with the preceding year, license sales increased 1,366,888 from the previous total of 11,391,810 while fees skyrocketed \$5,152,360 from the previous high record of \$29,814,327.

The higher revenue recorded for 1948-49 can be attributed principally to increased hunting fees which many states put into effect, according to Mr. Day.

Non-resident license fees totaled 224,242, an increase of 43,290 over the total of 180,952 for the previous year.

For comparative purposes, the "big ten" in the license sales line-up are shown for the 1948-49 and 1947-48 hunting seasons. Michigan, which lost first place in 1947-48, regained it in 1948-49 to head the list again with 977,879 licenses, or nearly 100,000 ahead of Pennsylvania in second place with 878,669. Minnesota, which dropped to eleventh place in 1947-48 with 346,151 licenses, reclaimed its fifth place position in 1948-49 with 505,970 license sales, an increase of 159,819.

<u>1948-49</u>		<u>1947-48</u>	
Michigan	977,879	Pennsylvania	847,559
Pennsylvania	878,669	Michigan	819,406
New York	847,314	New York	784,312
Ohio	718,292	Ohio	627,802
Minnesota	505,970	California	503,753
California	504,450	Illinois	417,664
Illinois	470,855	Indiana	391,810
Wisconsin	421,343	Washington	387,152
Indiana	408,051	Wisconsin	381,152
Washington	383,689	Colorado	354,788

In "revenue received", the first ten states are listed below:

<u>1948-49</u>		<u>1947-48</u>	
Michigan	\$2,847,013	Michigan	\$2,688,573
Pennsylvania	2,122,373	Pennsylvania	2,039,274
Colorado	2,101,923	Colorado	1,658,056
Washington	1,959,882	Washington	1,556,291
California	1,800,968	New York	1,434,023
New York	1,689,258	California	1,315,587
Oregon	1,127,900	Missouri	1,051,448
Missouri	1,096,256	Oregon	950,741
Wisconsin	1,038,618	Wisconsin	923,603
Ohio	1,035,733	Illinois	871,260

In Alaska 21,186 combination hunting licenses were sold in 1948-49, to bring in a revenue of \$76,816. They were divided on a basis of 19,537 resident licenses at \$44,156, and 1,649 non-resident and alien licenses at \$32,660.

In Hawaii 5,453 county and territorial licenses were purchased by sportsmen at a cost of \$27,287.

The sale of Federal migratory-bird hunting stamps, commonly called "duck stamps," also broke all records in 1948-49 when 2,127,598 of these stamps--the last of the \$1.00 issue--were purchased. The Federal stamp, in addition to a state license is required of every waterfowl hunter over 16 years of age.

The appended alphabetical tabulation summarizes by states the hunting licenses and duck stamps sold and the fees paid by hunters which include the cost of licenses, special permits and tags required for hunting, but not the shipping tags.

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STATE HUNTING LICENSE AND FEDERAL DUCK STAMP SALES
JULY 1, 1948 to JUNE 30, 1949

STATE	RESIDENT	NON- RESIDENT	TOTAL	FEES PAID BY HUNTERS	FEDERAL DUCK STAMPS
ALABAMA	250,063	1,821	251,884	479,503	12,595
ARIZONA	59,390	2,168	61,558	298,775	8,562
ARKANSAS	197,868	4,503	202,371	371,117	60,758
CALIFORNIA	501,261	3,189	504,450	1,800,968	171,388
COLORADO	359,043	12,681	371,724	2,101,923	41,407
CONNECTICUT	48,085	583	48,668	215,262	7,699
DELAWARE	20,467	691	21,158	28,635	4,823
FLORIDA	104,751	1,831	106,582	465,294	22,916
GEORGIA	162,837	1,912	164,749	368,255	5,018
IDAHO	165,258	2,875	168,133	729,121	45,575
ILLINOIS	467,487	3,368	470,855	985,224	110,980
INDIANA	406,637	1,414	408,051	631,872	35,574
IOWA	347,352	1,948	349,300	718,232	63,805
KANSAS	188,921	1,924	190,845	311,495	53,094
KENTUCKY	216,233	2,103	218,336	436,091	7,712
LOUISIANA	221,702	499	222,201	234,177	80,701
MAINE	118,886	17,494	136,380	651,364	12,142
MARYLAND	112,369	3,952	116,321	301,171	15,418
MASSACHUSETTS	171,951	2,182	174,133	409,342	19,370
MICHIGAN	965,518	12,361	977,879	2,847,013	83,582
MINNESOTA	504,160	1,810	505,970	798,284	162,300
MISSISSIPPI	190,033	563	190,596	439,562	20,507
MISSOURI	330,143	2,846	332,989	1,096,256	69,269
MONTANA	169,233	1,257	170,490	729,425	36,040
NEBRASKA	219,272	2,874	222,146	320,610	64,991
NEVADA	20,825	3,347	24,172	189,364	10,574
NEW HAMPSHIRE	92,132	14,064	106,196	520,616	3,656
NEW JERSEY	141,081	1,491	142,572	446,112	17,649
NEW MEXICO	54,002	2,501	56,503	325,724	9,010
NEW YORK	837,178	10,136	847,314	1,689,258	66,809
NORTH CAROLINA	281,157	3,291	284,448	763,789	15,749
NORTH DAKOTA	104,356	3,281	107,637	344,583	53,936
OHIO	717,129	1,163	718,292	1,035,733	39,176
OKLAHOMA	186,607	1,327	187,934	286,824	55,625
OREGON	214,670	2,733	217,403	1,127,900	65,947
PENNSYLVANIA	850,589	28,080	878,669	2,122,378	47,389
RHODE ISLAND	12,924	210	13,134	30,559	2,564
SOUTH CAROLINA	137,763	2,983	140,746	304,164	9,797
SOUTH DAKOTA	168,895	25,934	194,829	806,671	62,509
TENNESSEE	281,256	1,548	282,804	587,653	25,746
TEXAS	291,868	1,428	293,296	623,506	164,075
UTAH	116,941	5,791	122,732	720,277	34,558
VERMONT	66,455	7,749	74,204	240,282	3,865
VIRGINIA	274,315	4,055	278,370	719,563	13,293
WASHINGTON	383,085	604	383,689	1,959,882	74,555
WEST VIRGINIA	320,424	3,454	323,878	691,539	1,859
WISCONSIN	418,788	2,555	421,343	1,038,618	101,842
WYOMING	63,096	7,668	70,764	622,721	11,461
ALASKA					4,881
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA					14,618
HAWAII					43
PUERTO RICO					186
TOTALS	12,534,456	224,242	12,758,698	\$34,966,687	2,127,598